

Vows To Continue Fighting For Health Care Reform That Will Give More Choice, Not More Government

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence made the following statement at a press conference today about the government takeover of health care that passed the House on Sunday and was signed into law today:

"House Republicans, while we are disappointed with the outcome of the vote on Sunday night, are determined to continue to take our case against this government takeover of health care to the American people. The president is planning to sign the legislation today and planning to hit the road to Iowa City this week. But House Republicans believe that one more speech about the same bad bill isn't going to change any minds in America. The American people oppose a government takeover of health care. They oppose the job-killing tax increases, individual mandates, public funding of abortion and the creation of incentives in system that will result in millions of Americans losing the health insurance that they have.

"Republicans today talked about strategies going forward, not only taking our message to the American people but using every legislative means at our disposal for the balance of this Congress to ensure that the opposition of the majority of the American people and the opposition of the bipartisan minority to this measure here on Capitol Hill is fully expressed. We really do believe that at the end of the day, as Alexander Hamilton said so many years ago, of this institution, that 'here sir, the people govern' and it wasn't so much that the Republican minority lost on Sunday night, the American people lost. But this fight is not over.

"House Republicans are determined to take our case against this government takeover of health care to the floor of the Congress and to the American people for the balance of this Congress. And, if we find ourselves in a new, renewed Republican majority in 2011, we will work in every way to repeal this legislation and start over with the kind of health care reform that will be built on giving the American people more choices and not more government."